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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 18 October 2001: "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration" stamps and souvenir sheets**

Commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets

1. On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration.

2. The stamps, in denominations of $0.34, $0.80, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/€ 0.51 and S 8/€ 0.58, and the souvenir sheets, in denominations of $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/€ 2.04 were designed by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

(United States dollar equivalents — Sw F 0.90: $0.51; Sw F 1.30: $0.73; Sw F 3.10: $1.74; S 7/€ 0.51: $0.44, S 8/€ 0.58: $0.50 and S 28/€ 2.04: $1.74, subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

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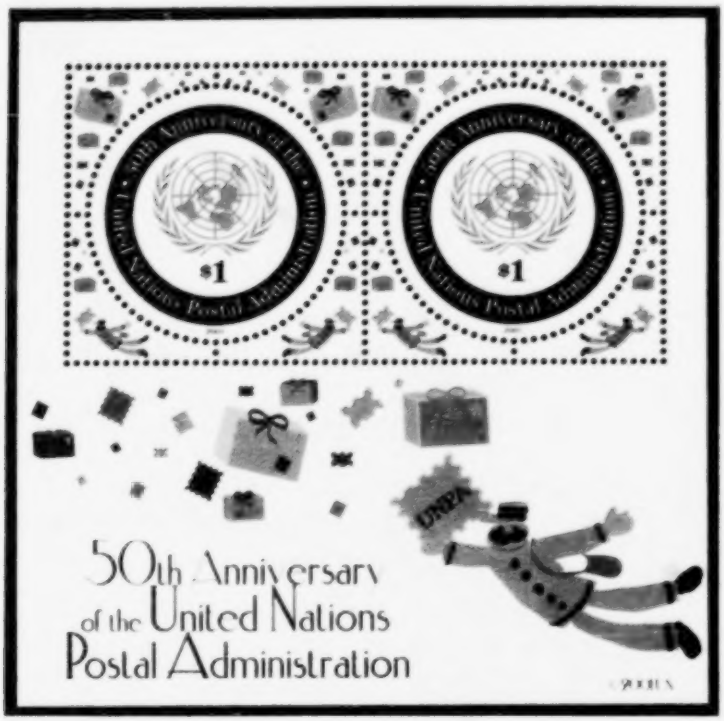

Maximum cards

3. The twenty-first set of UNPA maximum cards will also be issued on 18 October 2001. Three maximum cards will be produced and will be affixed with the respective low-value denomination from each office. There will be no maximum cards for the souvenir sheets. The maximum card cancelled United Nations, New York, will sell for 64 cents. The cancelled United Nations Geneva card is priced at 81 cents, and the cancelled United Nations Vienna card is priced at 74 cents, subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 18 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

5. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.